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SATELLITE PROGRAM

Briefing of Dr. Donald Hornig, Spec Asst to Pres for Science & Spurgeon Keeny  
by Dr. Wheelon on 26 Oct 64 (P/SAC)

Discussed recruiting program for senior scientific personnel.

Possible use of [ ] Keep a tight rein.

Question about utility of basic science studies by OSI.

New additions to scientific personnel in DD/S&T. [ ] in OCS)

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"I then described the current status of our [ ] recon satellite programs with  
as little commentary on the current NRO problem as was feasible. I outlined  
very briefly the [ ] proposition, and Hornig was quite interested to  
come back later and have a full briefing. I did the same with [ ] indicating  
the tremendous intel benefits if it could be made to work. I also pointed  
out that we were in an easy working relationship with NASA on this program,  
whereas DOD seemed to have a sheer interface, and I felt that we were making  
good progress in using NASA resources. They were both most interested in  
[ ] and had obviously gotten a great deal of the DOD propaganda. I told  
them quite frankly the haggling and footdragging on an obviously needed and  
attractive system was a symptom of the basic NRO problem and one which would  
wind up in the divorce court at the present rate of progress.

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Then gave a candid status report of contracts and technical progress [ ]  
They were pleased with effort and surprised to hear of speed with which we  
moving. I indicated in interest of getting started we advanced whatever  
money was needed but hoped to be reimbursed by NRO when the bills came due.

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(Will attempt to have mtgs with Hornig every two weeks.)

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